

Dated: July 2, 1999.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Request for Public Comment

Upon Written Request, Copies Available  
From: Securities and Exchange  
Commission, Office of Filings and  
Information Services, Washington, DC  
20549

#### Extension:

Rule 10a-1, SEC File No. 270-413, OMB  
Control No. 3235-0475

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 10a-1 (17 CFR 240.10a-1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) is designed to limit short selling of a security in a declining market by requiring, in effect, that each successive lower price be established by a long seller. The price at which short sales may be effected is established by reference to the last sale price reported in the consolidated system or on a particular marketplace. Rule 10a-1 requires each broker or dealer that effects any sell order for a security registered on, or admitted to unlisted trading privileges on, a national securities exchange to market the relevant order ticket either "long" or "short."

There are approximately 1,500 brokers and dealers registered with the national securities exchanges. The Commission has considered each of these respondents for the purposes of calculating the reporting burden under Rule 10a-1. Each of these approximately 1,500 registered broker-dealers effects sell orders for securities registered on or admitted to unlisted trading privileges on, a national securities exchange. In addition, each respondent makes an estimated 60,933 annual responses, for an aggregate total of 91,400,000 responses per year. Each response takes approximately .000139 hours (.5 seconds) to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 12,705 burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the existing collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information continues to have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the existing collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3088]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee, Working Group for the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 18, 1999, in room 6319 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the 27th session of the Facilitation Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for 6-10 September, 1999, at the IMO Headquarters in London. Discussions will focus on papers received and draft U.S. positions.

Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic
- Consideration and Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Annex to the Convention
- EDI Messages for the Clearance of Ships
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- General Review of the Convention

- Formalities Connected with the Arrival, Stay and Departure of Ships
- Formalities Related to Cargo—Facilitation Aspects of the Multimodal Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Formalities Connected with the Arrival, Stay and Departure of Persons—Stowaways
- Facilitation Aspects of Other IMO Forms and Certificates—Harmonized Reporting Format
- Ship-Port Interface
- Technical Co-Operation Sub-Programme for Facilitation

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room.

Interested persons may seek information by writing: Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSR), Room 1400, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling Mr. David A. Du Pont at: (202) 267-0971.

Dated: July 6, 1999.

**Stephen M. Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

#### Aviation Proceedings, Agreements Filed During the Week Ending July 2, 1999

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

*Docket Number:* OST-99-5897

*Date Filed:* June 28, 1999

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

PTC23 EUR-SEA 0077 dated May 28, 1999—Issuance

Mail Vote 007—Special Passenger Amending Resolution 010n from Europe to South East Asia

PTC23 EUR-SEA 0078 dated 22 June 1999—Adoption

Intended effective date: 1 September 1999

*Docket Number:* OST-99-5901

*Date Filed:* June 29, 1999

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association

*Subject:*

PTC23 ME-TC3 0067 dated 29 June 1999

Mail Vote 015—Resolution 010s TC23  
Middle East-TC3  
Special Passenger Amending  
Resolution from Korea to Middle  
East

Intended effective date: 15 July 1999

Docket Number: OST-99-5902

Date Filed: June 29, 1999

Parties: Members of the International  
Air Transport Association

Subject:

PTC12 USA-EUR 0078 dated 29 June  
1999

Mail Vote 016—Resolutions 002, 015n  
TC12 North Atlantic  
USA-Austria, Belgium, Germany,  
Netherlands, Scandinavia,  
Switzerland

Intended effective date: 1 August 1999

**Dorothy W. Walker,**

*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Transport Airplane and Engine Issues—New Task

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of new task assignment  
for the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory  
Committee (ARAC).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given of a new task  
assigned to and accepted by the  
Aviation Rulemaking Advisory  
Committee (ARAC). This notice informs  
the public of the activities of ARAC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Marc Bouthillier, Engine and Propeller  
Standards Staff (ANE-110), 12 New  
England Executive Park, Burlington, MA  
01803; phone (781) 238-7111; fax (781)  
238-7199.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FAA has established an Aviation  
Rulemaking Advisory Committee to  
provide advice and recommendations to  
the FAA Administrator, through the  
Associate Administrator for Regulation  
and Certification, on the full range of  
the FAA's rulemaking activities with  
respect to aviation-related issues. This  
includes obtaining advice and  
recommendations on the FAA's  
commitment to harmonize its Federal  
Aviation Regulations (FAR) and  
practices with its trading partners in  
Europe and Canada.

One area ARAC deals with is  
Transport Airplane and Engine Issues.

These issues involve the airworthiness  
standards for transport category  
airplanes and engines in 14 CFR parts  
25, 33, and 35 and parallel provisions in  
14 CFR parts 121 and 135.

#### The Task

This notice is to inform the public  
that the FAA has asked ARAC to  
provide advice and recommendation on  
the following harmonization task:

##### Task 17: Bird Ingestion

Review the comments received in  
response to NPRM 98-19 and  
recommend disposition of those  
comments. ARAC recommendations  
that do not support the proposals may  
include supporting data as appropriate.

The FAA expects ARAC to forward its  
recommendation to the FAA by  
November 30, 1999. The FAA will  
consider this recommendation in the  
development of the final rule.

Contrary to the usual practice, the  
FAA has not asked ARAC as part of this  
task to develop a final draft of the next  
action (i.e., supplemental notice, final  
rule, or withdrawal); rather, ARAC  
should provide a document setting forth  
the rationale for the recommended  
disposition of each of the comments.

#### Working Group Activity

The Engine Harmonization Working  
Group is expected to comply with the  
procedures adopted by ARAC. As part  
of the procedures, the working group is  
expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for  
completion of the task, including the  
rationale supporting such a plan, for  
consideration at the meeting of ARAC to  
consider transport airplane and engine  
issues held following publication of this  
notice.

2. Provide a status report at each  
meeting of ARAC held to consider  
transport airplane and engine issues.

The Secretary of Transportation has  
determined that the formation and use  
of ARAC are necessary and in the public  
interest in connection with the  
performance of duties imposed on the  
FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the  
public. Meetings of the Engine  
Harmonization Working Group will not  
be open to the public, except to the  
extent that individuals with an interest  
and expertise are selected to participate.  
No public announcement of working  
group meetings will be made.

Issued in Washington, DC, on June 28,  
1999.

**Brenda D. Courtney,**

*Acting Executive Director, Aviation  
Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Summary Notice No. PE-99-19]

#### Petitions for Exemption; Summary of Petitions Received; Dispositions of Petitions Issued

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation  
Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of petitions for  
exemption received and of dispositions  
of prior petitions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking  
provisions governing the application,  
processing, and disposition of petitions  
for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this  
notice contains a summary of certain  
petitions seeking relief from specified  
requirements of the Federal Aviation  
Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I),  
dispositions of certain petitions  
previously received, and corrections.  
The purpose of this notice is to improve  
the public's awareness of, and  
participation in, this aspect of FAA's  
regulatory activities. Neither publication  
of this notice nor the inclusion or  
omission of information in the summary  
is intended to affect the legal status of  
any petition or its final disposition.

**DATES:** Comments on petitions received  
must identify the petition docket  
number involved and must be received  
on or before August 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments on any  
petition in triplicate to: Federal  
Aviation Administration, Office of the  
Chief Counsel, Attn: Rule Docket (AGC-  
200), Petition Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_, 800  
Independence Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, D.C. 20591.

Comments may also be sent  
electronically to the following internet  
address: 9-NPRM-cmts@faa.gov.

The petition, any comments received,  
and a copy of any final disposition are  
filed in the assigned regulatory docket  
and are available for examination in the  
Rules Docket (AGC-200), Room 915G,  
FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A),  
800 Independence Avenue, SW.,  
Washington, D.C. 20591; telephone  
(202) 267-3132.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Cherie Jack (202) 267-7271 or Terry  
Stubblefield (202) 267-7624 Office of